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### **CITIZENS NEED TO VOICE OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING OF BMV BRANCH IN GARY**

INDIANAPOLIS --- A public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17, will give Lake County residents an excellent opportunity to voice their opposition to the closing of a Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) license branch in Gary, according to State Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary).

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the Tamarack Hall Main Auditorium on the campus of Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway, in Gary.

"I have heard about some news reports and announcements that mention a 7:30 p.m. start time and this is not correct," Brown noted. "The hearing is definitely scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

"I'm not sure where the misinformation is coming from—but the BMV has certainly set a new standard for how **not** to run a state agency," Brown added.

Brown said he remains very concerned that BMV is closing license branches at the same time that new Republican-sponsored state laws requiring photo identification at polling places take effect.

"It is impossible to know exactly how the Republicans' new voter ID law is going to impact our citizens," Brown said. "Until this is clear, we should be making it easier—not harder—to get to a license branch.

"I hope concerned citizens will fill the hearing site on Aug. 17," Brown added.